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Nr. Chris Brown 6267 Castille Court Gloucester, Ontario K1C 1X4

Dear Mr. Brown:

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I am writing regarding your question of the possibility of patients with environmental/chemical sensitivities being mistakenly admitted to psychiatric hospitals due to incorrect diagnosis of their illness.

I can assure you that this question is being carefully considered by madical staff in the ten psychiatric facilities.

On July 9, 1990, a package of information on environmental/chemical sensitivities was distributed to the Esychiatrists-in-Chief of the ten psychiatric hospitals. They were given the task of researching the illness and providing the Mental Health Facilities Branch with a report of their findings. Based on this report, and its recommendations, we will decide on a course of action for dealing with environmental/chemical sensitivities in the psychiatric hospitals and other mental health facilities. We expect this report to be complete at the beginning of September 1990. It will be presented to Howard Danson, Director of the Mental Health Facilities Branch at the monthly meeting of the Psychiatrists-in-Chief on September 11th.

Chris Brown

I appreciate the importance that this issue holds for you personally. I understand that you have had several conversations with Mrs. Gail Waller, a Policy/Program Analyst in the Mental Health Facilities Branch, and that she will be contacting you when the report is complete.

Thank you for taking the time to voice your concerns.

Sincerely,

Jay Kaufman

Assistant Deputy Minister Institutional Health

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